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## **FAST-TRACKING THE MONROE INSTITUTE**

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When COVID-19 hit, it was lights-out for Monroe's residential programs.

Like millions of other organizations around the world, all Monroe on-site events and activities were locked down. For how long? Who knew?!

What we did know was that people throughout the world needed to de-stress. They wanted to touch the calm center in the midst of chaos, to find balance. They were hungry for what we could provide. We had to move fast.

Plans to adapt our week-long in-person programs to an effective virtual format were already being discussed. We'd been teaching a couple of very successful online programs but, suddenly, the need to take *everything* virtual *immediately* jetted straight to the top of our must-do list.

On May first, the training and administration teams were given less than six weeks to get three week-long retreats ready for virtual launch, beginning with Monroe's core program, "Gateway Voyage."

In record time, a Virtual Programs team developed not only three new virtual retreats, but a template for future virtual programs, a trainer manual, registration and operational protocols, an entire administrative infrastructure as well as created website content and a marketing strategy. This feat was a testament to the skill and commitment of our people. It also demonstrated Monroe consciousness tools in action. Everyone involved is adept in the application of Monroe techniques to actualize best outcomes.

One of the front-line trainers on the Virtual Programs team is Tip Walker. Tip has been deeply involved with Monroe as an Outreach Trainer, a Local Chapter Network

(LCN) leader and council member, a residential trainer and an online “Gateway Experience” facilitator.

Tip’s wife and partner Ellen Jones-Walker was the principal designer of the “Law of Attraction” program that they co-train at Monroe. Ellen also pioneered the structural framework we now use to adapt our residential programs to the powerful virtual format. Tip and Ellen launched and trained the first virtual “Gateway Voyage.”

Tip reflects, “Although we had done a huge amount of work in preparation for the retreat, we were also clearly supported in our manifestation process by nonphysical consciousness.”

Here, in an interview with Mark Crewson, head of the LCN Leadership Council, Tip tells the bigger story—

(<https://archive.org/details/miolc-2020-08-16-how-monroe-programs-just-went-online-audio>)